MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With reference to the adjournment motion of which I gave notice yesterday, I request you, Sir, to fix a time for the discussion, because the Council will be held for only two days more.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : We have wired to the Dewan Peishkar for information. His reply has not been received.

PRESIDENT : The Dewan Peishkar has been telegraphed to for the information and his reply is expected tomorrow ; as soon as his reply is received I will fix a time.

LEGISLATION.

THE TRAVANCORE NAMPUTIRI BILL.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*) : Sir, I beg leave to take charge of the Travancore Namputiri Bill, introduced by Mr. Tuppan Namputiripad in the Second Council and referred to a Select Committee.

MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*) : I beg to second the motion.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*) : In this connection I beg to bring to the notice of the House a few facts concerning the Namputiri Bill.

Can I proceed, Sir ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : It is open to Mr. Namputiripad to make a speech but I do not know if it is really necessary. It does not appear that his motion is being opposed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : In the absence of a motion to oppose the Bill, may I know whether Mr. Kesavan Namputiripad is entitled to make any explanatory statement ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : It is open to Mr. Namputiripad to make a speech.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*) : In this connection I wish to bring to the notice of this Council a few facts concerning the Namputiri Bill. This Bill which was introduced by my predecessor in the last Council was undertaken at the express wish of the whole community. It was at the request of the Namputiri Yogakshema Sabha, which is the accredited organ of the Namputiris of Kerala, that he undertook this great responsibility. That Bill was accepted more or less unanimously by all the members of this Council and was referred to a Select Committee. The Select Committee took a keen interest in the Bill and submitted its report to Government.

Meanwhile the Second Council was dissolved, and the Bill being a non-official measure automatically lapsed. The Yogakshema Sabha, which authorised Mr. Tuppan Nambutripad to introduce the Bill, in

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its last Session held at Mavelikara, asked me to take charge of the Bill. I may mention in this connection that I had the pleasure and the privilege of being one of the co-opted members for the purpose of the Bill and I was also a member of the Select Committee.

That Select Committee which consisted of such eminent lawyers and leaders as Messrs. Changanachery Paramesvaran Pillai, P. K. Narayana Pillai and V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar and presided over by Mr. V. Subba Aiyar, after carefully going through all the details and after a careful scrutiny, has given the Bill a shape which is acceptable to all concerned. Under these circumstances it is but proper that that report is presented for the consideration of this Council. I hope that I will have the cordial support of all my non-official brother members and that of the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I wish to have a ruling on this point—that is, what is the procedure to be adopted when a motion to take charge of a Bill is put forward. Is it the procedure described when a member moves for leave to introduce a Bill? Or, is it the procedure to be adopted when a Bill is brought before the Council after leave for introduction has been sanctioned? Or again, is it any other procedure that has to be adopted in the matter?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It is not specifically laid down what kind of procedure should be adopted in regard to this. It seems clear therefore that the ordinary procedure in regard to ordinary motions may be adopted and that after the motion is made it is open to any member to oppose it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Since this is a legislative measure, I want to know the procedure that has to be adopted according to the rules.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The ordinary procedure in regard to motions will have to be followed.

PRESIDENT: That is correct. The ordinary procedure in regard to motions will apply.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The point is not quite clear. I wish to explain—

PRESIDENT: I have just given you a decision that the ordinary procedure in regard to motions generally will apply to this case also.

May I take it that the House accepts the motion?

The motion was accepted by the House.

THE KANAPATTAM BILL.

MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*): Sir, I rise —

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) I wish to raise a point of order for your order. While I am anxious that a legislation on the lines adopted by Mr. Menon—

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